

LOOKS LIKE
SETTLEMENTSpirit of Conciliation is
Abroad at Butler, Pa.

PLANTS ARE STILL IDLE

In Spite of the Offer of Manager Altman
of Pressed Steel Car Company
To Take Back the
Strikers.

Butler, Pa., July 20.—In spite of the offer of Manager Altman of the Pressed Steel Car company to take back all the strikers who wish to return, the plants continued idle today. There are still manifestations of a conciliatory spirit, and this makes it seem likely that the strike will be declared off this afternoon and that work will be resumed tomorrow.

The spirit of conciliation is in marked contrast to the position taken yesterday by President Hoffstott of the car company who declared:

"There will be no compromise. The plant of the company may remain idle a week or it may remain idle a year, but in the end it will be going full blast and on its own terms. I do not intend to force a crisis. I do not anticipate trouble of any kind."

Meanwhile friends of the strikers were also active. Financial aid was reported to have been rendered them by Pittsburgh Socialists and by a number of labor organizations in the Pittsburgh district.

Support of another kind is also said to be at hand through the intervention of the Austro-Hungarian consul at Pittsburgh, Baron Bonnazza, who is said to have prepared a petition for submission to the department of commerce and labor at Washington asking for an official investigation of the conditions existing at the McKees Rock plants.

SKULL FRACTURED.

Elmer P. Ingalls May Die of His Injuries.

Portsmouth, N. H., July 20.—Elmer P. Ingalls, 28 years of age, a locomotive fireman on the eastern division of the Boston & Maine railroad, running between Portland and Boston, met with a probably fatal accident in this city last evening. He is unconscious at the Cottage hospital here, suffering from a compound fracture of the skull.

While his train was in the station here Ingalls was standing upon the water tank of his locomotive tender, in the act of pushing the water spout back after having taken water. He slipped and fell head foremost from the tender, striking over a big waste pipe. He was picked up unconscious and removed to the hospital.

ELLA GINGLES ACQUITTED.

Jury Says She Did Not Steal Lace But Her White Slavery Story is Untrue.

Chicago, July 20.—Ella Gingles was cleared last night of the charge of stealing lace from Miss Agnes Barrette, her former employer, but the story she told on the witness stand to the effect that an attempt was made to force her into white slavery was denounced as untrue by the jury that freed her.

The basis of the defense made by Miss Gingles' counsel was that Miss Barrette and others had attacked her and mistreated her in the Wellington hotel on two occasions last winter, and that the objects of these attacks and of the theft charge was to force her to an unnamed man in French Lick Springs, Indiana.

FIFTEEN HOUSES ON FIRE.

\$20,000 Loss Entailed at New Bedford Yesterday.

New Bedford, Mass., July 20.—Three three-family houses of frame construction were destroyed by a fire, which for a time yesterday threatened a thickly populated tenement house section in the southern end of this city.

The total loss is estimated at \$20,000. At one time fifteen houses were burning.

GEORGEOUSLY WELCOMED.

Prince Ito is Proclaimed a Hero in Tokio.

Tokio, July 20.—Returning from signing an agreement joining Korea to Japan, Prince Ito was today welcomed more gorgeously even than Yamagata and Oyama at the head of their victorious armies. He was received by the mikado and the whole city with open arms.

IN SERVICE AGAIN.

The Michigan Resumes Practice After Damage by Grounding.

Washington, July 20.—The Michigan, the first of the big gun American warships to be launched, resumed her trial off the Delaware capes today, having been repaired after her recent grounding.

BROKE FRENCH RECORD.

Farman Stayed Up in Aeroplane One Hour and 23 Minutes.

Châlons Sur Marne, France, July 20.—Henry Farman made a night flight with his aeroplane last night, remaining in the air one hour and 23 minutes. This beats the French duration record.

NATIVE OF VERMONT.

George H. Dean, President of Boston Checker Club, Dead.

Boston, July 20.—George H. Dean, for many years engaged in the hay, grain and flour business, died Sunday at his home, 137 Appleton street, after a long illness. His funeral will be held at his home at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

He was born in Weatherfield, Vt., Dec. 21, 1840, received his education in his native town and at Springfield, Vt., and for a time he was a successful school teacher. He enlisted in Co. K, 16th Vermont regiment in 1862 and served until the end of the Civil War, being mustered out with his regiment at Battleboro.

He came to Boston in 1871, entering the employ of Ebenezer Porter in the hay, grain and flour business, and two years later bought out his employer and conducted the business successfully for a number of years. He was a member of the Warren Avenue Baptist church.

Mr. Dean was always a great lover of the game of checkers, of which he was an expert player, and for a number of years had been a member of the Boston checker club and its president at the time of his death.

With him during his last illness were his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Edgar A. Horst of Needham, a sister, Mrs. H. M. D. Merrill of Maynard, Ill., and a brother, Albert E. Dean of Randolph, Vt.

THREE ROBBERIES SAME NIGHT.

Burglar Does a Land-office Business at Manchester Center.

Manchester, July 20.—Yesterday morning it was discovered that three places had been broken into at Manchester Center the night before with the loss of a second hand suit of clothes, a shirt, a hat and a few articles of small value.

First, H. W. Mattison's bowling alley was entered and a ladder taken with which entrance was made at the other places.

Second, at J. C. Heinel's clothing store the marauder selected a coat owned by Premier Kent of Dorset and trousers belonging to W. H. Shaw of Manchester Center. A hat and shirt were taken from stock. The clothes left behind are recognized by Mr. Heinel as a suit he sold within a year.

Third, at the Combination Cash store, a few minor articles were taken. This is the first burglary in several years at the center, and it is thought that the thief is the one that robbed the store of O. H. Adams in East Arlington a few days ago of between \$90 and \$100.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

Engineer, Carried to Bottom of East River, Swims to Surface.

New York, July 20.—Jos. Zachgo, engineer of a switching locomotive, was carried to the bottom of the East river last night in his cab and lives to tell the tale. With six cars and the tender piled above him he managed to break his way free through a window and swim to the surface.

The engine was pushed off a trestle by the momentum of the cars behind it, when the air brakes refused to act.

PORTUGAL'S KING

ENGAGED TO MARRY

His Bride Will Be Princess Alexandra, Eldest Daughter of The Duke of Fife—English Alliance Will Strengthen Portugal.

Lisbon, July 20.—The official organ, El Liberal, announces the engagement of King Manuel and Princess Alexandra, eldest daughter of the Duke of Fife. King Manuel is twenty years of age and Princess Alexandra is eighteen. It is expected that the English alliance will result in a stable government for Portugal.

YACHT IDLER BURNS.

Sloane's Craft Suffers \$10,000 Damage at Portland.

Portland, July 20.—Henry D. Sloane's 80-foot schooner yacht Idler was badly damaged by fire yesterday afternoon at her anchorage off Peak's Island. Mr. Sloane had gone to New York, leaving his guests and family on the schooner. At 2 o'clock the fire started in the forward hold and spread fast.

There was great fear that the fire might reach the tank gasoline tank in which about 100 gallons of gasoline was stored. The passengers on the yacht were taken off by the steamer Pilgrim, and were not able to save their effects. The loss is estimated to be \$10,000, covered by insurance.

ARREST FOLLOWS FIRE.

Jacob Collier Locked Up Pending Investigation at Dover, N. H.

Dover, N. H., July 20.—Jacob Collier, one of the proprietors of the Royal Lunch cafe in the 215-story wooden block at 30 Third street, owned by Edwin A. Gowen, is locked up pending an investigation of a fire in the block Sunday night. Two fires were discovered in the block at the same time, one in the kitchen in the basement and the other burning through the roof.

Collier recently came from Boston, and with Abram Shadoff, his partner, rented the whole building, the second story of which is a lodging house.

CHAMBERLAIN DYING.

Former English Official Not Likely to Live a Week.

London, July 20.—It is said that Chamberlain is dying. King Edward has made a visit to him and the king never goes to see a commoner unless the end is near. It leaked out since the visit that Chamberlain is not likely to live through the week.

ORDERED
ABOLISHEDDangerous Grade Crossing on
M. & W. R. R. R.

NEAR WELLS RIVER DEPOT

Vermont Public Service Commission
Says That Work Must Be Completed by December 1, 1909.

Wells River, July 20.—The Vermont public service commission has ordered the grade crossing on the Montpelier & Wells River railroad just east of the station here to be abolished by building a connecting piece of highway.

All the work shall be completed on or before December 1, 1909, and shall be done to the satisfaction of the commission. It is further ordered that upon the completion of the work said Montpelier & Wells River Railroad shall fence and bar said railroad highway crossing at grade against public travel forever thereafter.

All the expense properly incurred in fulfilling the order including the payment of land damages shall be borne by the town of Newbury, the state of Vermont and the Montpelier & Wells River railroad in the following proportions:

The town of Newbury, ten per cent.
The state of Vermont, twenty-five per cent.
The Montpelier & Wells River railroad, sixty-five per cent.

Within two weeks after the completion of the work herein ordered the Montpelier & Wells River railroad is ordered to file with the board, in triplicate and with vouchers an itemized statement of all the expenses incurred in fulfilling the order.

AUTO CRASHES INTO TREE.

Two North Shore Young Men Have Remarkable Escape.

Manchester, Mass., July 20.—Through the failure of the steering gear to work, sending the automobile into a tree, Alvin Ball of Newport and Craig Culbertson, son of S. A. Culbertson of Louisville, Ky., narrowly escaped serious injury here last yesterday. Ball, who is the guest of C. T. McKee at Beverly Farms and Culbertson, who is spending the summer at West Manchester, were going toward Beverly Farms at a moderate speed when the steering gear refused to work, and the automobile went off the road and crashed into a tree.

Ball, who was running the car, was jammed against the wheel, wrenching it off, while the car turned completely around and capsized. Despite the force with which he had been hurled against the steering gear, Ball escaped unhurt, while Culbertson, who had jumped as the car leaped for the tree, got off with a few slight cuts. The automobile was wrecked.

NELSON HELD FOR HEARING.

Abington Murderer Apparently Little Concerned by Proceedings.

Boston, July 20.—Alternate moods of mirthfulness at his picture in the newspapers and of seriousness were shown by Lawrence Nelson, Jr., in the Hingham district court yesterday during his arraignment for the murder of Desire A. Vanderpool at Abington Sunday.

He chatted with his counsel, Raymond D. Higgins of Brockton, and then kept silent a while. Seeing newspapers at hand, he picked them up and read the accounts of the affair on the farm at Abington with apparent enjoyment. Nothing seemed to please him more than his own picture in the papers. He quickly grew tired of this diversion and appeared very gloomy, not speaking to anybody, even his counsel. He did not seem at all impressed by the court proceedings, which were brief.

Nelson was held for a hearing in the district court at Abington July 27, and after his arraignment was taken to the Plymouth county jail by Deputy Sheriff Charles H. Spring of Hingham.

HANGED SELF IN CELL.

West Gardner Prisoner Had Threatened to Shoot Police Chief.

Gardner, Mass., July 20.—Arrested for threatening to shoot his sweetheart, Mary Termini, 25 years old, committed suicide in the West Gardner lockup shortly before 6 o'clock last night, by hanging himself with his belt.

Termini was arrested in December for drunkenness and sent to Fitchburg jail. He has nursed ill-feelings against Chief Shay and several times told his friends he would shoot the chief. Termini started drinking Saturday after a quarrel with his sweetheart, Mary Termini. Yesterday forenoon he went to a hardware store and bought a 22-caliber revolver and cartridges. The revolver refused to work and he took it back to the store at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. As he was about to secure different cartridges, he was arrested by Chief Shay. He admitted to the police that he intended to shoot somebody.

BRACING UP UNIONS
IN BURLINGTON

State President P. F. McCarthy Endeavors to Infuse a Little "Ginger" in the Queen City's Labor Organizations.

Burlington, July 20.—About 250 members of the local unions gathered last evening in Carpenters' hall in mass meeting called for the purpose of arousing enthusiasm and getting the unions in this city on a firm footing again.

P. F. McCarthy of Barre, president of the Vermont branch, American Federation of Labor and general organizer of the national organization, was the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. McCarthy, formerly a granite cutter, cited Barre, Montpelier and Hardwick as examples of places where ideal labor conditions exist. There the stone cutters, masons, carpenters and other laborers have an eight hour day, receiving more pay than men in other sections of the state do for working 10 hours at the same trades. The working men in that section insist on having good tenements in which to live, insist on having their children educated, the only drawback being the tendency toward tuberculosis, which is caused by inhaling granite dust. In the 16 years in which organized labor has been in force but one strike has occurred and that was settled within a very short time, no hard feeling resulting between employer and employee. Conditions are not so in the marble districts of the southern part of the state. There the men are required to work long hours, and receive small pay, the result being great dissatisfaction amongst the men.

In Burlington, he said, conditions are far from what they ought to be. Men are working long hours for small wages and nothing is being done to remedy these conditions or to protect themselves and their families from abuse from the corporations. The unions should unite and send delegates to the meetings of the central union and then act in a body to fight for what they want and not be content until they receive an eight hour day with ten hour wages. In this way if a strike becomes necessary the union will be able to strike and strike hard.

He contrasted the methods used by the "night riders" of the South and those used by national labor organizations. The condition of the American Federation of Labor will allow no other than lawful methods to be used in gaining their ends.

Mr. McCarthy brought his remarks to a close by urging the Burlington unions to be well represented at the meeting of the State Federation to be held in Hardwick August 2.

Chairman Ritchie then urged the members to brace up and get into the spirit and not let the unions die out in this city. He was followed by H. H. Carpenter, E. S. Holcomb and H. Cogan, who made short speeches.

BOYS PAY PENALTY

FOR ROWDYISM

They Celebrated the Fourth of July Too Vigorously and Were in Brattleboro Court Yesterday Afternoon.

Brattleboro, July 20.—For participating in a boisterous Fourth of July celebration in the town of Putney about 10 miles from here, four boys, John Patterson, James Grimes, Benjamin Farnsworth and Dalton Howard, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Chauncey L. Knapp of Brattleboro charged with breach of the peace. The boys are from 17 to 21 years of age. Warrants were also issued for two other young men for participating in the same affair but being warned of the officer's approach they disappeared.

Sunday, July 4, the six boys visited the home of Benjamin Shagford on the New Hampshire shore of the Connecticut river and obtained a large quantity of liquor. They carried back to Putney, where it was consumed and then they made night noises. They broke into the Putney Congregational church, rang the church bell, tore plastering from the wall and placed an empty whiskey bottle on the pulpit. They rolled a spacious summer house from the estate of Mrs. A. Langley over a high bank into the highway, effectively blocking all traffic. Not content with this they tore down the fence around the home of Charles Knight despite the vigorous protests of Knight and his son who were powerless to stop the rowdyism.

They were tried before Judge E. W. Gibson of the Brattleboro municipal court in Putney yesterday afternoon and all pleaded guilty to a breach of the peace. Patterson was fined \$10 and costs of \$17.04 and Grimes, Farnsworth and Howard were each fined \$5 and costs of \$10.74. States Attorney Charles H. Williams of Bellows Falls conducted the prosecution. The boys were not represented by counsel.

ENDS LIFE WITH RAZOR.

Jewett J. Sanborn of Laconia, N. H., Commits Suicide.

Laconia, N. H., July 20.—Jewett J. Sanborn, aged 29 years committed suicide at his home on Truland street yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor. Sanborn passed the morning hours playing cards with his wife and his wife's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. William Butterfield of Mechanicville, N. Y.

The cause of his act is given as temporary insanity. Mr. Sanborn was well known, and for several years has been employed at a bottling works here. Besides his wife and child, he is survived by a mother, four brothers and a sister.

FOUR YOUTHS
CAMPED OUT

They Got Camping Material in State Arsenal

BY BREAKING INTO IT

Three of Them Were Sentenced in Montpelier Court Today and Were Then Released on Probation. Fourth Up Tonight.

On the charge of petty larceny in breaking into the state arsenal on Seminary Hill in Montpelier, four boys were arraigned before Acting City Judge Wing of Montpelier today. The boys were Arthur Currier, Cleveland Mason, Ino Daniels and Eugene Jeannot. They were accused of stealing one wall tent and camping utensils from the arsenal and setting up camp on Cliff street in Montpelier. Sheriff Tracy made the arrests and discovered the property.

The charges against all but the Currier boy were at first made grand larceny and later the accusations were amended alike, petty larceny. All four of them pleaded guilty today. Currier, who will be sixteen years old next Wednesday, was sentenced to spend the remainder of his minority at the state industrial school, with alternative sentence of not less than two months and not more than three years in the house of correction. Mason and Daniels were sentenced to pay a fine of \$10, with costs, and to not less than two and not more than three months in the county jail. Then on recommendation of State's Attorney Gates the three boys were placed in the hands of the probation officer.

In the case of Jeannot it is probable that a different course will be followed, as the boy was already in the hands of the probation officer for impleading in breaking into the opera house last winter. His case will be taken up tonight. He was let out on \$300 bail, furnished by his father.

FUGITIVE PRISONER

IS RE-CAPTURED

This Time Leon Green, Alleged Horse Thief, Rests Behind Bars of Caledonia County Jail.

St. Johnsbury, July 20.—Elusive Leon Green of Albany is in Caledonia county jail here to await trial at the December term of county court charged with stealing a horse and buggy from Mr. Bonach, a Hartwick farmer. Sheriff Winch arrested Green at West Burke yesterday afternoon and brought him here.

Sunday night the sheriff had Green in the village lock-up at Melrose but then Green found an iron bar in the mattress which he used to pry open a window and escape. He was tried to Burke and again arrested yesterday afternoon.

The horse and rig were stolen Thursday night and were recovered and returned to their owner when Sheriff Winch arrested Green in Newbury. The outfit was valued at \$350.

GAIN RUTLAND FRANCHISE.

Home Telephone Company Has Permission to Enter The City.

Rutland, July 20.—The Home Telephone company of Rochester, this state, was granted a franchise by the board of aldermen last night to enter Rutland and operate here. The company's nearest line is now at Shoreburn 12 miles east. This will be the first opposition to the New England company here in many years.

WITHOUT MISHAP.

Balloon All America Made a Flight Today—Landed at Durham, Conn.

Middletown, Conn., July 20.—The balloon All America which ascended at No. Adams at 7:15 this morning landed at Durham, Conn., at 10:10. There was no mishap. The party included William Cloughlin and Mr. Hatchelder of Keene, N. H., N. M. Arnold, T. Callahan and M. R. Hewitt of North Adams.

ONE MAN DROWNED.

And Ten Persons Were Rescued When Lighter Went Down.

New York, July 20.—Assistant Steamer Engineer George Logan was drowned and nine men and a baby were rescued when the lighter Maria Stevens was sunk in today in a collision with the tug Condenser off Robbins Reef in the harbor. The ferryboat Gowanus carried the rescued to Staten Island.

MISSING BOY FOUND.

Paul Cumming Was Working on a Farm in Ryeagat.

St. Johnsbury, July 20.—Paul Cumming, who ran away from his home in Lancaster on the night of July 18, was arrested yesterday morning by Sheriff George F. Winch of Melrose in Ryeagat, where he was working for J. W. Smith on his farm. Sheriff Winch took the boy to Lancaster last night.

Misses Georgianna and Sophia Bonbard left today to work at a hotel in Randolph, N. H., during the remainder of the season.

OLD OFFICERS CHOSEN.

At Annual Meeting of Wetmore & Morse Granite Company.

The annual meeting of the Wetmore & Morse Granite company was held at the company's offices in the Vermont Mutual building at Montpelier this afternoon, and the old board of directors and officers were re-elected. The board and officers are, Frank M. Corry, president; Frank A. Dwinell, E. H. Dewitt, Albert Johnson and William T. Dewey, Frank G. Wheaton was re-elected clerk and treasurer.

The financial statement of the company for the year showed that the total income was \$115,120.09; the expenses \$98,640; dividend \$4,932; carried to surplus fund \$5,982.15.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT DOCKET.

Eighty-three Final Hearings on Naturalization Applications.

The United States district court will convene in Montpelier on August 4, with Judge J. L. Shattin, of Battleboro, presiding for the purpose of giving final hearings to applicants for naturalization in this country. There are 83 final applications to be presented, and examination of each candidate will be made by Assistant United States Attorney William H. Lewis of the immigration bureau at Boston, who will conduct the proceedings.

The docket shows that 31 cases are set for hearing on the morning of the 4th, 26 on the afternoon of the same day, and 26 on the forenoon of the 5th.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

Two Filed Articles With Vermont Secretary of State Today.

Two new corporations have filed articles of association with the secretary of state as follows:

The Richmond Co-operative Building Saving and Loan company, with a capital stock of \$5,000. There are fifteen signers.

The Solid Reversible Propeller company of Bennington, with capital stock of \$5,000 and three signers, associated to make reversible propellers.

THREE CLUBS ENTERED.

In Golf Tournament at Montpelier Links Latter Part of Week.

At the Montpelier Country club's grounds on Friday and Saturday of this week the Montpelier club, the Barre Golf club, and the Greensboro club will meet in a tournament for the championship title and trophy. In addition, Benjamin H. Sanborn of the Greensboro club has offered a special cup for the best selected nine holes made by any players.

EDITOR IN THE AIR.

Fairfield of the Rutland News Went Up in a Balloon Today.

Rutland, July 20.—Editor Charles T. Fairfield of the Rutland News was a member of a party which made an ascension today in the balloon Heart of the Berkshires at Pittsfield, Mass. They landed in Winston, Conn., without a mishap. The balloon was in the air one hour and fifty minutes and reached a height of 8,100 feet.

GOING TO HONOLULU.

Senator Dillingham Will Spend Two Months Studying Immigration.

Senator Dillingham of Vermont will sail at the close of the present session of Congress for Honolulu in behalf of the Senate immigration commission and will spend the next two months there studying immigration. He goes to investigate the question of bringing Hawaiians from the sugar plantations.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. W. J. Webster went to Providence, R. I., yesterday for an extended visit.

Miss Grace Howland has returned from a ten days' visit with relatives in South Newbury.

Retail clerks attention! Regular meeting of local 241, R. C. I. P. A., in R. of P. hall Wednesday at 4 p. m. W. M. Thayer, Sec.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mann, Mrs. E. M. Laws and Miss Edith Laws left today for Mr. Mann's auto for a visit in Laconia, N. H.

At a meeting of the women's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church it was voted to discontinue the regular meetings during the months of July and August on account of the warm weather, and the fact that many of the members will be out of town on their vacations. Members are requested to pay their dues to the secretary.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and today were C. S. Cabot, J. B. Berard, H. E. Loveland, Boston; T. R. Potter, Burlington; J. A. Rogers, St. Albans; J. W. Heron, New York; W. G. Shaw, Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rounds, Bethel; H. W. Barton, New York; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Beecher and daughter, New Haven, Conn.; D. M. Haight, Albany, N. Y.; Joseph Bowles, St. Johnsbury.

ENFORCING THE LAW.

Three Sunday Blue Law Breakers in Burlington Fined.

Burlington, July 20.—In connection with the enforcement of the Sunday closing law the city officials are on the warpath in spirit and in truth. Yesterday three offenders were nabbed by the defenders of peace and prosperity and arraigned in city court. Those who have had to face the majesty of the law so far are:

John Cummings, who deals in candy, soda, etc., was arrested and fined \$2.00 and costs of \$6.95, which he paid.

Theodore H. Sculakes of the Concord Candy Kitchen paid a fine of \$2.00 and costs of \$5.89.

James Lines, who conducts a shoe shining parlor at 140 Church street, paid a fine of \$2.00 and costs of \$3.80. Evidently the money changers have got to hike out of the temple.

CALL TRUCE
IN STREET WARCity Council Combatants to
Get Evidence

AS TO WHAT IS THE BEST

Decided Last Night to Suspend Permanent Work on North Main Street Which Means for the Present Year.

Neither granite blocks nor macadam will be laid on North Main street this year. This decision was reached by the city council at midnight last night after a five hours' wrangle which was participated in also by many citizens. It was not done, however, until the improvement people had forced the tabling of the original resolution which ordered the macadamizing of the street. An agreement was also reached to set aside \$2,000 of this year's permanent street fund to be used on North Main street when they decide what kind of a street they do want.

It has been a long time since the council played to such a large and appreciative audience of citizens and along about half past ten they took stage-fright and went into executive session, chasing the citizens into the street and continuing their discussion undisturbed by the presence.

But before they were driven out the citizens had presented several petitions, and talked more. C. W. Melser presented 74 additional names of men and firms to a former petition against the use of macadam, and William Barclay presented another along the same line, signed by 130 men, "mostly working-men," he explained.

Not to be outdone, Fayette T. Cutler, one of the abutters on the street under consideration, presented a petition asking that North Main street be macadamized; and he asked for the re-reading of a petition presented May 21, signed by all but four of the abutters on the section, who wanted macadam.

The petition presented last night by Mr. Cutler reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens of the city of Barre, having the best interests of the city at heart and believing that it is for the best interests of the city of Barre that streets in the residence portions of the city should be macadamized instead of paved with granite blocks, respectfully petition your body that you continue to macadamize North Main street."

"We further believe in the financial condition of the city that the macadam is best for the city, in that if macadam is used a good street can be obtained the present summer, while if it is paved with granite blocks it will be years before the same can be accomplished."

These petitions having been presented to the council, the members indulged in a little "experience meeting," saying that they were not cranks on the subject of streets, were not "wounded" to any particular theory and were of open mind, ready to do what was best for the city. That being their state of mind, the inevitable course was the suspension of work altogether on North Main street until they could determine what is really the best material under the conditions. Alderman Thurston urged that a committee of disinterested citizens be sent to Massachusetts to learn conditions there; but no action was taken last night.

However, the original resolution ordering the street committee to macadamize the street was still in vogue, and the next step of the council was to get that out of the way. Alderman Thurston wanted to go about it by getting the "general consent" of the council in favor of reconsideration, thus retaining Cushing's Motion in all its imperial majesty. He was willing to give his consent provided the council would stop all permanent street work this year and lay aside the appropriation for next year's work.

Alderman Alexander objected to this provision and when he couldn't get Alderman Thurston to withdraw it he "kicked the bull by the horns," so to speak, and moved that the rules regarding reconsideration of resolutions be waived. The motion was seconded and when the question was put it was declared by Mayor Robins to be carried. There were protests to the decision, but no one appealed or demanded a roll call.

Mayor Robins standing by his decision, Alderman Alexander then moved that the resolution be called up. Carried, several not voting. The resolution ordering macadam being then before the meeting Alderman Campbell took the occasion to move its re-adoption, seconded by Alderman Thurston. At this point Alderman Alexander thought it would be wise to go into executive session, whereas the citizens faded away.

Following their